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Dear Sir:

In response to the official action mailed May 23, 2002, in which claims 1-4 and 7-15 were withdrawn from consideration, and claims 5 and 6 were rejected, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

REMARKS

The following remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the official action of May 23, 2002. In that official action, pending claims 5 and 6 were rejected over a combination of references. Applicant will attempt to demonstrate, however, not only that the references do not teach or suggest the invention of claims 5 and 6, but that they do not even relate to a resolution of the same problems which are the focus of those claims. In any event, applicant believes that he can establish that claims 5 and 6 are clearly patentably distinguishable over this prior art, and reconsideration and